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Dear Henrietta,

I am always glad to hear from you and do what I can in the way of information which perhaps will be little.

Dot has changed her address having moved to

1209 Boulevard
Jacksonville Florida

In the Merriman Genealogy only five generations were completed. Some relatives died, Geo. W. Curtis, Mansfield Merriman, and others. Then the war came on and since so far as I know nothing has been done to finish it up to date. You have a copy somewhere because I saw it in the library in Bellefonte.

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Grandfather's Grandfather was Charles Merriman and Grandmother Rachel Cowles. Children "Benoni" born 1778. Betsy born in 1776. I remember very well when Grandfather went to Peoria, Illinois to be with Aunt Betsy on her 100th birthday in 1876. Benoni was a great uncle of Cyrus Munson Merriman (my father). Uncle Benoni lived in Michigan with his son George, whose daughter Addie visited us in Bradford several times in the 1870s.

My uncles were
DeForest Holt, 1838
Edgar Clarence, 1842, Addie Blanchard's father
Cyrus Munson, 1839 - my father
Hiram Augustus, 1844

Cyrus Munson Merriman died in a hospital, in Canandaigua, in August, 1906, and your mother was there with him. Services at Bradford and buried in Bradford Cemetery.

DeForest and Cyrus were graduated from Norwich University, on the borders of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Mass.

If there is anything you don't understand let me know.

This university at the time was one of the best in New England.

Uncle Clarence, Addie's father, was graduated from Annapolis and was with Admiral Farragut in the battle of Mobile Bay (Civil War). He was a man of [] experience and I thought a lot of him. He gave me a pipe that the uncle of the last Czar of Russia gave him when he (Clarence) was Naval attache at the then St. Petersburg. Addie may be able to furnish you with more information; if I remember correctly she was born in China. It always gave me a thrill when I visited them at the Boston or Philadelphia Navy Yards.

Father was in the lumber business with his father and brothers, DeForest and Hiram. In 1885 I went in the office, but he retired from most of his business interests, was in Williamsport until about 1903 then in Virginia and New York State where he died, in August 1906.

I wonder if Hugh was up in the cemetery when he drove through Bradford a year or so ago, about which he told

Dorothy last summer.

Jesse Munson was father's first cousin and Mother when to college (Elmira) with his sister Lucy, Rufus Wilson's mother. All at that time lived in Bradford. I think you can largely discern that story.

You can send me the pictures etc. and I can mail to Dorothy.

I have some autographs of the family I will glad to send you to look over and later you can return the book.

Affectionately, Your Uncle.

It is nice for you to take an interest in our genealogy. Homes are getting small and I have no place to store my belongings.

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THQ notes:

Jesse (1843) and Lucy (1845) Munson were Cyrus Merriman's cousins, children of Rufus Munson (1813-1867), brother of Adeliza.

Lucy Munson married Edward Wilson and had a son, Rufus Wilson.